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Enforcement Action

Michael Kesler**Mechanical Engineer No. 29844****Civil Engineer No. 65732**

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (Board) issued a citation and fine of \$2,500.00 to Michael Kesler for violation of section 7872(a) (Bus. & Prof. Code §7872(a), practice of geology without legal authority) of the Business and Professions Code (Geologist and Geophysicist Act). According to Board records, Michael Kesler was at all times relevant not licensed by the Board as a Registered Geologist but licensed as a Mechanical Engineer (M 29844) with the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS) on February 9, 1996.

The citation was issued to Michael Kesler for unlicensed practice of environmental geology for signing a report making environmental geologic interpretations. Michael Kesler signed a report entitled "Volume I Technical Evaluation Unauthorized Release Case No. 9UT4066", dated March 26, 2002, submitted to the San Diego California Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) received by the SDRWQCB on March 29, 2002.

Board records show that Mr. Kesler has not held registration as a geologist or civil engineer at the time of the letter report submittal to the SDRWQCB. Therefore, at all times relevant Mr. Michael Kesler was not licensed to practice geology or offer to practice geology for others in the State of California. Mr. Kesler was subsequently granted a Civil Engineering license (C 65732) on June 27, 2003.

In accordance with section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code which specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter, Michael Kesler agreed to pay the fine and the case was closed on September 9, 2004.